DUSK SATS THEY MUST WORK EIGHT HOURS EACH DAY AND IT LIMITS THE ANNUAL LEAVE TO FIFTREN DATS-OTHER MARDSHIPS PRO-

Important action was taken by the House seterday in regard to the office hours and eaves of absence of department employes here-

The office hours were increased to eight hours each day. The annual leave of absence with pay was reduced from thirty days to fif-House committee on appropriations no one een days. It was provided that sick leave seems to be able to say. No head of a departwith pay shall be granted for thirty days only, except in extreme cases. Still more radical changes and restrictions were proposed by the reformers and only failed of passage by small majorities. Mr. Outhwaite of Ohio and Mr. Hopkins of Illinois made valiant fights for the department employes.

The new legislation is carried by the legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill. The clause of the bill relating to office hours and leaves of absence is as follows: THE CLAUSE OF THE BILL.

Sec. 3. That hereafter it shall be the duty of the heads of the several executive departments, in the interest of the public service, to require f all clerks and other employes, of whatever rade or class, in their respective departments, ot less than eight hours of labor each day, exept Sundays and days declared public holidays y law or executive order: Provided, that the ids of the departments may, by special order, ours of service of any clerk or employe in heir departments, respectively; but in case of in extension it shall be without additional comnaution: And provided further, That the Sec-tary of any department may grant thirty lays' annual and thirty days' sick leave, with ay, in any one year to each clerk or employe e sick leave to be allowed in cases of personal liness only, or where some member of the im-mediate family is afflicted with a contagious disse and requires the care and attendance of sch employe, or where his or her presence the department would jeopardize the health fellow clerks: And he it further provided, hat in exceptional and meritorious cases. culiar hardship, it may be extended, in the scretion of the Secretary, with pay, not exseeding sixty days in any one case or in any e calendar year. This section shall not be nstrued to mean that so long as a clerk or aploye is borne upon the rolls of the depart-ent in excess of the time herein provided for, granted, he or she shall be entitled to during the period of such excessive abce, but that the pay shall stop upon the exration of the granted leave. This was subsequently amended, upon motion

so made to apply to the District government imployes and the Department of Labor. NO HOLIDAYS FOR DEATHS. Upon motion of Mr. Enloe an amendment recutive departments shall not be closed as a

naual leave with pay to fifteeen days. It was

ark of respect for the memory of any de-

labor. In support of his amendment he said: AGAINST THE EIGHT HOURS.

their minds and nervous systems are on a continual strain from the time they commence stance, those whose duty it is to compute-to al with figures to make computations con-muously. Now to require clerks of that character to work seven or eight hours daily is rather severe; the strain is too heavy. Then there are other clerks of whom a similar re-mark may be made. Take a typewriter, for in-

work for eight hours a day you are inflicting upon him or her a punishment. As suggested a Notwithstanding the inclement weather last few moments ago, after a certain period of time after six hours per day neither of these classes of clerks to whom my remarks refer are capable of performing properly the duties required of them. In other words, they will perform as much labor for the government in six to color. The coloration and the collectors of the collecto or as much labor for the go ours as they would perform in eight." MR. MILLIERN FOR THE CLERKS.

Mr. Milliken of Maine, during the debate,

smazed to hear my good friend from Massa-chusetts (Mr. Morse) arguing in favor of this extension of the hours of labor. He says no private business could be run successfully as the business of the government is run in the departments here. I acknowledge that the atleman from Massachusetts has been very nust confess that I was greatly suprised to hear a gentieman, whom I know to be so humane, arguing for the extension of the hours of labor in the departments under the circumtances which surround these clerks. I trust that the splendid success of the gentleman to which I have referred has not been achieved by his acting with his employes in the direc-tion in which he argues here. I wonder if he er the gentleman from Missouri, who intro-duced this provision into the bill, would have attempted to extend the hours of labor of these cierks if they had been voters in the districts they had been voters in the districts

DOES NOT BELIEVE IN THE POLICY "Ab, my friends, I love to see gentlemen in favor of 'economy' come here and attempt to show it to their constituents by attacking the clerks here who have no votes and by members are Messrs. Buchannan, Holmes, Abmembers are Messrs. Buchannan, Holmes, Abmembers are Messrs. making examples of them by legislating one way or the other, as they see proper, without regard to their comfort, convenience or ability to do the work. And further than that, sir, I do not believe in that policy. I think the change e proposed is an unwise one, without proper consideration. There is a proper way to arrive at a conclusion in reference to it. Let your commission, which you have already authorfixed to examine these departments, take that question into consideration.

Let them report to the next session of Congress and see if there are grievances here to be temedied or abuses which may be corrected or amended. Then we can act intelligently on this question. But I do not believe in this ouse of Representatives voting to extend the urs of labor of a class of people whose labors believe now are as onerous as those of any other class in the country without considers quite as well as any man on the floor of this licuse earns his \$5,000 a year."

MR. ENLOE NOT SATISFIED. er all the amendments had been agreed to Mr. Enloe was not satisfied and wanted to go

further. He offered an amendment that 10 per cent of the employes in each department should be dismissed each year, the reduction to be made among those employes having the lowest standing in ability, adaptability and industry. This was too much, however, for even the radital reformers, and the amendment was ruled out on a point of order.

Consul Wildman's Lecture.

The members of the National Geographic Society are anticipating an unusually interesting meeting this evening at Builders' Exchange Hall, when Mr. Rounsevelle Wildman is to deliver an illustrated lecture on "Malaya and the Sultan of Johore." Mr. Wildman is United States consul at Singapore and also commisstoner to the Columbian exposition from Straights Settlements and Borneo, though not from Johore itself, as is erroneously stated on the invitations. The thorough familiarity of the lecturer insures to Mr. Wildman's auditors and to next Wednesday evening. an accurate as well as an interesting account of those distant lands.

Robert G. Shaw Command, U. V. U. At the regular encampment of Robert G. Shaw Command, No. 4, Union Veterans' Union. W. P. Vale, battalion inspector of rifle practice, Department of Potemac, held at their hall, No. 624 K street northwest, Tuesday evening, Special Mustering Officer Col. Theo. G. Ray installed the newly elected officers. Miss 45; Sergt. Buell, 43; Pvt. Byrne, 43; Pvt. Blan-Louise A. Smith, president of Women's Veteran Relief Union, No. 4, with some members of the union, were present and Miss Smith made a graceful address. The officers installed were as follows: Colonel, Frank M. Welsh: heutenant colonel, Frank M. Welsh: Heutenant colonel, Virginius L. Moulton; major, Richard Henderson; adjutant, Charles B. Fisher; quartermaster, Geo. H. Boston; surgeon, John R. Tunia, chaplain, Owens Dawson; officer of the day, James Peak; quarter-master sergeant, Alexander Freeman. Col. Weish delivered an eloquent address.

TARE Bromo Seitzer for insomnia

CLERKS AND THEIR HOURS. The Departmental Employes' Side as Set Forth by an Official.

An official in one of the up-town departments made an argument to a STAR reporter today in opposition to the provision in the legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill extending the hours of labor in the executive departments.

Miller, deceased, was filed and admitted to "At present these employes," he said, "are probate and letters testamentary on the perrequired to be at their desks from 9 o'clock Annie E. Miller, the executrix named in the will; a. m. to 4 o'clock p. m.—seven hours. It is bond, \$2,000. Maria E. Willson, executrix of proposed to increase the hours to eight. Leonidas Willson, deceased, filed inventories "Just why this action has been taken by the of personal and real estate of deceased: Sarah H. Lyddane, executrix of Stephen M. Lyddane, deceased, passed third administration account; Samuel Higgins, administrator of Sarah R. Bos-

ment has complained that the hours are too short or that the public business is neglected by reason of the present rules. It is under-stood that a number of Representatives and Senators are opposed to the proposed change for the reason that it is impracticable for the average man or woman to perform good work for a longer period than seven consecutive for a longer period than seven consecutive hours. It is simply impossible for women employed as typewriters to work without injury to their health for a longer time. The suggestion their health for a longer time. The suggestion their health for a longer time. The suggestion at Hyattstown, \$200; Mary D. Benton to Otho at Hyattstown, \$200; Mary D. Benton to Otho their health for a longer time. The suggestion for an increase of hours appears to have emanated from the committee on appropriations in the House and without consultation with the heads of departments. Considerable feeling is manifested among the clerks at the disposition shown by a few Congressmen to make capital for home consumption at their expense. The clerks claim, and with some show of reason, we clerks claim, and with some show of reason, we bitions Congressmen may exercise their ability dan to Washington Danenhower, lot 16, Rockwith more profit to the nation and credit to the mation a

"In referring to the statements made that the clerks should be satisfied with the proposed in-crease of hours for the reason that they are granted thirty days leave of absence with pay a each year the pertinent inquiry is made months' pay for less than six months' work each

*Another feature in the bill under consideration has been commented upon by employes of the departments, to wit: The proposed appointment by the Speaker of the present Congress of a committee of Representatives-elect to the next Congress to inquire into and report upon the hydrogeness to inquire into an experimental proposed appointment by the Speaker of the present Congress of a committee of the hydrogeness to inquire into an experimental proposed appointment by the Speaker of the departments. The hydrogeness is a speciment of the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Directors, Jan Betting of the directors of the Hown Hall Company last the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Directors, Jan Betting of the directors of the directo the business of the departments, efficiency of the employes, whether any modification of existing laws is necessary. &c. The point is the past year, \$743.11; expenditures the past made that the present Congress expires on the year, \$455.69; balance in treasury, \$287.42; 4th of March next, and that the Fifty-third debts due the company, \$381; total assets, Congress will have no existence until the first \$668.42. Last year was the most prosperous Congress will have no existence until the first Monday in December next. Yet the commission suggested is required to assemble and formulate its report in September, 1893.

September, 1893.

September, 1893. Whether or not this feature has escaped the attention of members of the House we do not know, but it is more than probable that the questionable character of the proposed legislation will be detected when the bill reaches the "The foregoing, it should be understood, has

reference simply to the legality of the appoint- cotton mill at Savage broke loose and carried ment of the committee by the present Con-gress. We are assured that the clerks will letting all the water out of the dam. The mill Upon motion of Mr. Enlos an amendment gladly welcome an impartial investigation of the as agreed to providing that hereafter "the manner in which the business of the departments is conducted, the inadequacy of the pres-ent salaries, which were fixed many years ago, at making the necessary repairs, which have just a time when the cost of fiving was far less than at present and other matters pertaining to have the employes of the government printing diffee placed on an equality with those of other departments of the government as to the granting of sick leaves, but his motion was ruled out. a time when the cost of living was far less than been completed. cluding the members of the national legislature, was becomingly attired in a dress of tan broadon a point of order.

During the debate Mr. Outhwaite made inthe reason that the necessaries of life have effectual attempt to pass an amendment giving greatly enhanced in price. The compensation the Secretaries discretion to limit the hours of of clerks in the departments alone has remained greatly enhanced in price. The compensation of clerks in the departments alone has remained at figures fixed by law before the war. Clerks to congressional committees having but little to passed up the aisle to the altar, where Rev. "There are employed in the departments do are paid salaries in excess of those paid to william McK. Hammack, the pastor of the some clerks whose labors are so arduous that men in the departments who are expected to church, performed the full wedding service of pass upon questions requiring a high order of the chu ability. In fact, salaries of subordinate emploves of Congress exceed those paid to heads of divisions in the departments who, make dehood gave them a serenade.

Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock at St. Mark's
Protestant Episcopal Church at Highland Mr.
P. C. Phillips of Washington, D. C., and Miss
Sadie Souder of Highlands were married by cisions and prepare letters for the signatures of the several Secretaries on important subjects affecting the proper conduct of the public business throughout the country."

DISTRICT WHEELMEN.

They Give an Enjoyable Musicale and Dance at Metzerott Hall.

Notwithstanding the inclement weather last tion only. The entertainment was the first of a proposed series and was undertaken with the hope that the members of the league will be placed on a more intimate and fraternal acquaintance.

The program presented was a long one, but embraced much that was pleasing and entermined the supersylve on the program of the supersylve of the supersylve on the program of the supersylve of the supersylve on the program of the supersylve of the supersylve of the program of the supersylve of the supersylve

The program presented was a long one, but embraced much that was pleasing and entertaining. The Washington Mandoiin, Banjo and deceased.

Catholic Chalces, and delivered a high eulogy upon the upright character of the deceased.

Maggie, the little daughter of Mr. Charles E. deceased.

Guitar Club, owing to a previous engagement, were assigned the honor of opening the evening's entertainment, and they did it in such a pleasing manner that an encore was demanded and graciously given. Mr. Robert M. Straight and graciously given. Own Fireside," and his voice and interpretation elicited much applause, and he was forced also to respond to an encore. Mr. M. S. Wright's baritone solo was also encored, as was the so- of Albany, N. Y., are visiting Miss Westbrook on prano solo of Mrs. Charles F. Gotthold, who power, and the cornet solo of Mr. George Waterbury, jr. The comic song "Where Am I At?" sang by Mr. Edgar Bixler, scored heavily and for an encore he sang "I'm the Man That Wrote Ta-ra-boom-de-ay" to great applause. Prof. Arnold Meyer then was heard in two piano solos that stamped him as an artist of unusual merit. Selections on the barjo by Messrs, Callan and Espey of the Columbia bott and Hancock, and their voices blended their reception was enthusiastic and hearty.
Two humorous selections followed, by Miss
Lizzie J. Magie, and much applause was forthcoming as a consequence. Messrs. Bixler and
Houser played on a variety of musical instruments with considerable deftness and sweet-ness. The bass solo of Mr. Arthur Middleton was an artistic effort. His voice displayed unand an encore resulted. Mr. Leo Stiefel's tenor voice was then heard to advantage in a solo and the stereotype encore again came into play. As a fitting final to the program the Germania Mannerchor was selected, the organiza-tion singing with a precision and heartiness that called forth unanimous commendation.

Mr. Howard Perry then stepped forward and

in behalf of the members of the league thanked Dr. Charles Holmes for his masterly

The Engineer Corps.

mediate charge of the team. It is expected that these teams will represent the corps in any future battalion and company matches. George A. Drury, William D. Love, John M. Coit and

Edward A. Wright were elected and enlisted. Elliott P. Hough and W. B. Randal! were elected. J. M. Pollard has been transferred

from platoon A to platoon B. There was ex-tended discussion as to fulld ress uniforms, es-tablishment of a scholarship at Columbian Uni-

45; Sergt. Buell, 43; Pvt. Byrne, 43; Pvt. Blanton, 43; Corp. Ellsworth. 43; Pvt. Landreau, 41; Pvt. Wynne, 41; Pvt. Beatty, 40; Pvt. Garrett, 40; Sergt. Lewis, 39; Pvt. McClain, 39; Pvt. Swigart, 39; Pvt. King, 38; Pvt. Roesser, 38; Sergt. Marsden, 38; Sergt. Wilcox, 37; Pvt. McClure, 36; Pvt. Glover, 36; Sergt. Lang, 33; Capt. Bassett, 31; Lieut. Simonson, 31; Pvt. Babb, 30; Pvt. Bush, 30; Pvt. Dove, 29; Pvt. Willier, 29; Pvt. Leffler, 26.

The company volley record shows: Average per man, 10.8; company percentage, 72.37.

Average per man at 300 yards, 38.03.

Henry Bower, street commissioner of Toledo, as been found guilty of malfeasance in office.

condence of The Evening Sta r. HYATTSVILLE, MD., February 10, 1893. A survey will be made through this village within a few days for the purpose of selecting a The old brick building which is situated near

E. P. B.

Laurel avenue.

Misses Addie Lawrence and Alice Clarke have

Tuesday evening a pleasant party of young people of Laurel and neighborhood went to the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Luther Brashears,

residence of Mr. and Mrs. Luther Brashears, about one mile from Contee station, and spent a delightful evening. Mrs. R. R. Murphy was chaperon and Dr. T. M. Baldwin conductor. A large farm wagon met them at the depot and conveyed them to the house, where the evening was spent with games, music, recitations and charades, after which an excellent

the railroad station at College Park has been donated by Mr. J. O. Johnson and Mr. Middleton to the Universalists to be used as a church. It was originally built for a church, but after-It was originally built for a church, but afterward converted into a tobacco storehouse. The building will be thoroughly repaired before it will be used as a place of worship.

Ernest Wilson, who was placed in the county jail on the charge of robbing Mr. Wm. R. Frye on the Gleason farm in the "Neck," had a preliminary hearing before Justice Haines a few days ago and was held to bail in the sum of \$8300

thanked Dr. Charles Holmes for his masterly stage management and also the artists who took part in the evening's entertainment. Dancing then filled out the remaining hours of the night and was participated in by 200 per-The engineer corps, D. C. N. G., held their Mr. J. Eli Hunt of T. B. has been appointed

The engineer corps, D. C. N. G., held their monthly meeting Wednesday evening. Order No. 1, which raises the standard of membership in platoon A from that of marksman to that of sharpshooter, was read. It also creates a rifle team in each of the platoons to consist of at least eight enlisted men, one of whom at was shot by Mr. Basil Harvey.

least is a non-commissioned officer and has immediate charge of the team. It is expected that these teams will represent the corps in any future battalion and company matches. George

Warboro' as delegates from this county to the convention which will shortly meet at Baltimore for the purpose of discussing a system of taxation to be laid before the next legislature.

Mr. C. C. Magruder has been appointed a delegate-at-large. The home rule system of taxa-

Merwin-Marie Snell delivered last Sunday afternoon the third lecture of his course on the "Philosophy of Religion." He discussed on that occasion the five aspects of religion-doc-Company B, sixth battalion, D. C. N. G., was in the rifle gallery Wednesday night firing its February score, which was at 300 yards. Lieut. W. P. Vale, battalion inspector of rifle practice, was range officer. The scores were:

Pvt. Kirk, 48; Corp. Thompson, 47; Pvt. Adkins, 46; Lieut. Tomlinson, 45; Corp. O'Dell, 45; Sergt. Buell, 43; Pvt. Byrne, 43; Pvt. Blanton, 43; Corp. Ellsworth, 43; Pvt. Landreau,

Probable Sale of the New York "Times." An important change is forecasted in the newspaper world, says a New York special. Mr. Gilbert Jones of the New York Times desires Gilbert Jones of the New York Times desires to withdraw from the management of that paper. It is understood that Messrs. Miller and Spinney, the present editorial managers of the paper, are organizing a syndicate to purchase the paper for \$1,000,000. This price does not include the building in which the paper is now printed. Ex-Secretary Whitney and others of Mr. Cleveland's friends are said to be in the purchasing syndicate.

FORTY-FOUR MANIACS BURNED. Prosperous Condition of the Town Hall Burning of the County Insune Asylum Near Verdi's Latest Work Seems a Triumph Dover, N. H. The county insane asylum, four miles from

NEWS FROM ROCKVILLE.

Company-Real Estate Activity.

spondence of The Evening Star.
ROCKVILLE, Feb. 8, 1899.

In the orphans' court today the last will and

for probate and record. The will of Lewis

sonal estate of the deceased were granted to

well, deceased, passed first and final adminis-tration account.

During the present week the following trans-fers of real estate have been recorded in the office of the clerk of the circuit court: Francis

J. Heiberger, jr., and wife to Thos S. Tucker, lots 1, 2, block 16, Takoma Park, \$—; Washington Danenhower and wife to Harriet T. Lipp, lots 47, 48, block 7, Rockville Park, \$1,500; Ja-

At a meeting of the directors of the Town Hall

Bouic; treasurer, Dr. D. F. Owens, The treasurer reported the following: Receipts for

LAUREL.

Saturday evening the ice in the race of the

sister of the bride, was bridesmaid, and Mr

the church. After the ceremony a reception was held at the residence of the bride's parents,

the paster of the church, Rev. Mr. Turner. A reception was held at the residence of the bride's parents after the wedding, and in the

evening the happy couple started to spend their honeymoon in the north.

Mr. H. Clay Simpson, a prominent citizen of Howard county and one of the collectors of

LAUREL, Mp., February 10, 1893.

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Forest Glen, \$500.

four lives were lost. testament of Basil Mullican, deceased, was filed o'clock trip into the insane asylum he found Bayreuth days of 1876. the fire coming out of the cell occupied by A. | The curtain rose upon a room in the Garter Lafamitain, a woman, and gave the slarm. Wm. Inn at Windsor, and upon "Sir John Falstaff" Driscoll, the keeper, with his family, lived in (M. Victor Maurel) in the act of sealing his the building, and he at once broke the locks off amorous epistles to Mistresses "Page" and the fifty-four cells and tried to get the inmates "Ford." On one hand the revelation of "Falout. Then he got his wife and two children, staff's" personality and the well-marked humor neither of whom were dressed.

ONLY FOUR INMATES ESCAPED. Of the forty-eight inmates only four escaped. Wm. Davey and Frank Donshon.

The latter wall ed two miles in a blinding snowstorm with only his shirt on to Wm. Horne's house, where he was taken care of.

Chesley of Durham, Mrs. Roberts of Great Falls and an eight-year-old child, Lester Jones of Farmington. — Twombley of Barrington, Owen Malley of Great Falls, Michael Casey of Dover, Frank Rowe of Great Falls, Chas Libby of Great Falls, Frank Page of Rochester Libby of Great Falls, Frank Page of Rochester, Wm. Filles of Great Falls, Frank Spriggins of Dover, Larry Kimball of Dover, Julia Keil of Dover, Mrs. Mary Lavin of Salmon Falls, Mrs. Mary McClinteck of Dover, Maggie White of Great Falls, Ann Carr of Rollinaford, Mary Nutter of Rochester, Mary Maloney of Dover, Lenia Ellis of Rochester, Mary Wilson of Lee, Maria Twindall of Milton Mills, Caroline Rait of Dover, Mrs. Ann Rothwell of Dover, Lizzie Ellis of Great Falls, Cathwell of Lover, Lizzie Ellis of Great Falls, Lover, Lizzie Ellis of Great Falls, Lover, Lizzie Ellis of Great Falls, Lover, Lizzie E Wife to James Rowen, lots 30 and 31, block 7, Rockville Park, \$300; William F. Eaton and wife to Edgar J. Perry, four lots in block 3, Takoma Park, 8—; Clagett Pyles to Francis E. Pyles, tract of land, \$—; W. V. Beall and wife to Francis W. Getzendanner, tract called "Williams' Survey," \$2,000; Mae De W. Breneman to Jefferson B. Cralte, lot 8, block 21, Expect Olen. \$500. well of Dover, Lizzie Ellis of Great Falls, Cath well of Dover, Lizzie Ellis of Great Falls, Catherine Haiey of Dover, Elizabeth Pickering of Gonic, Mary Cogley of Dover, Sarah Sweet of Rochester, Sarah Hutchings of Dover, Kate Duffee of Dover, Sarah McClintock of Great

> It was built twenty years ago and had fifty islands are practically serfs. cells. One woman escaped to the yard, but was burned to death there. The building cost \$15,000. The main building, in which was over one hundred of the county poor, caught fire, but was saved by the heroic efforts of the inmates, who carried pails of water and extinguished the flames, although many were burned in so doing. The Dover fire department was summoned, but owing to the distance, the blinding snow storm and the icy roads, it took there; too late to be of service. The smoking ruins show the charred bodies still laying on their beds. How the building caught fire is a

THE GUILTY PANAMA OFFICIALS. has been stopped on account of the accident all | Charges of Fraud Against Ferdinand de

Lesseps and Son. The charge of fraudulent proceedings against Ferdinand de Lesseps, Charles de Lesseps Henry Cottu and Marius Fontane, directors of Curious Fatality Affecting a Professorship the Panama Canal Company, is held to be proved. On this point the judgment of the court referred to the company's methods in issuing loans, the mendacious official bulletins ical Seminary, says a New York special. Presand the persistent puffing done by the papers at ident Hastings said concerning it yesterday: the judgment stated, when not directly origin- it is not a matter for superstition. It is simply ated or indorsed by the directors had been a series of strange and sad coincidences. Three the quotations of shares might not be affected unfavorably.

The directors had dealt with underwriting

be fictitious. In underwriting loans these syndicates had taken upon themselves no risks, and yet they had received enormous sums from the company. The expenses necessarily attendant upon the issue of loans had been grossly exaggerated by the directors. and this exaggeration also constituted a fraud-

rectors had not scrupled to expose the capital of the company to the risks involved in the fresh issue and even reiterated their promises to complete the canal with the proceeds of the loan. By article 408 of the code concerning breach of trust it was not necessary that the money should have been misappropriated or squandered, or should have benefited the di-

Miss Lillie Jones of Bartimore Last ing her aunt, Mrs. Benjamin Owens.

Mrs. F. M. Touslee and Miss Hattie Champine trust the decision said that M. Eiffel had received 120,000,000 francs for the construction to looks and had promised to complete of ten locks and had promised to complete them by 1890. The evidence had shown that he had not even purchased the specified mate-rials necessary in the construction of these locks; in fact he had bought in France all told but 1,223,000 francs' worth of materials. He had pretended, furthermore, to fullfil the obli-gations he had undertaken, while, in reality, he was simply misappropriating the funds. In conclusion Judge Perivier read the sentence of imprisonment as given in THE STAR vesterday

> A NOVEL ACCIDENT. Gas Escaping From a Cable Conduit Ignited

About 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon a novel

tions and charades, after which an excellent supper was served. Among those present were Misses Maggie Baldwin, Helen Ryan, Lillie Murphy, Lee Keller, Blanche Baldwin, Huttie Bentley and Lena Little, and Messra. Thomas M. Baldwin, jr., Walter Bendz, Geo. Bond, Emory Mitchell, Luther Brashears and Lewis Bell accident occurred on 7th street, above Chestnut, Philadelphia. There was a sudden puffing sound and a burst of flame through the traction slot in the center of the street. The cable had broken a gas service pipe crossing the street, and then frictional heat had set it afire, and it looked like a young natural gas well ablaze.

Some of the horses would pass over it, but others had to be taken out of the cars. The flames rose about a foot above the street and extended six feet along the conduit, within which they roared. Once a cable car stopped right over the flames, being blocked by cars ahead, and it was in danger of catching fire A city fire engine was called to help traction

out of its new difficulty, and a gang of men from the bureau of gas was set to work to mend the break. Meanwhile the break in the service pipe is depriving people along the side of the street of gas. There was bad temper all

Execution at Suffolk. Va John B. Royster, the negro who murdere John P. Epps on the night of July 29, 1891, expiated his terrible crime on the gallows in the county jail yard at Suffolk, Va., yesterday. Royster was visited in jail by a large number of people yesterday morning, including the white and colored ministers of the town, who read the Scriptures and prayed with him until the hour of execution. He was led to the scaffold, when Sheriff Baker read to him the order of the court for his execution and gave him an opportunity to say anything he might desire, but the condemned man was too frightened to make any connected statement. Prayer was offered on the scaffold for him. At 12:27 the drop fell, and at 12:40 life was pronounced ex-tinct by the attending physician. He died al-most without a struggle. No one claiming the body it was buried by the authorities.

Miss Mittens Willett, the actress, died last evening at New York. She had been ill for some months. Miss Willett was born in Columbus, Ky., some twenty-eight years ago. She editor of the New York Sunday Dispatch and editor of the New York Sunday Dispatch and later of the St. Louis Globe-Democrat. Miss Willett made her debut on the stage with Mary Anderson's company. She then joined the Frederick Warde Company, and while playing leading lady in that organization in Detroit she nuet Henry Aveling, an English actor. On November 7, 1884, she became Mrs. Aveling, the marriage taking place in New Orleans. Aveling subsequently committed suicide.

Prof. J. H. Worcester, jr., D. D., profess of systematic theology at the Union Theolog cal Seminary, New York, died at Lakewood, N. J. Monday.

"FALSTAFF" A SUCCESS. .

First Production at Milan. Verdi's "Falstaff" was performed at Milan Dover, N. H., was burned last night and forty- Italy, last evening before an audience and When Watchman Wm. Chevy made his 10 only be matched by going back to Wagner's

amorous epistles to Mistresses "Page" and "Ford." On one hand the revelation of "Falstaff's" personality and the well-marked humor of the quarrel scene claimed attention, as did, on the other, Verdi's bright and sparkling on the other, Verdi's bright and sparkling BU INESS SCHOOL, Builders' Exchange, 13th st. n.w. They were Win. Twombly, Rose Sanderson. The second part of the act with its lively music for the women made even a greater impression than the first. And when the curtain fell there were calls for the artists followed by one for the composer, who was cheered with frantic

The victims.

The victims.

Those who were burned were Robert Dione of Salmon Falls, N. H.; Mary Fountain of Great Falls, Frank Nutter of Rochester, Wm. Chesley of Durham, Mrs. Roberts of Great him their best wishes and congratulations.

VASSALS IN CANADA

Eight Thousand Residents of the Magds Islands Practically Serfs. Eight thousand Canadians are appealing condition of serfdom. These people are residents of the Magdalen Islands, a group forty miles long and thirteen wide, lying near the southern point of the Gulf of St. Lawrence.

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PROF. ARNOLD W. MEYFR. GRADUATE, LFIP-moderate the properties written during lessons to suit development of individual voices. Studio, 906 F st. n. w. southern point of the Gulf of St. Lawrence. Their representative, E. J. Flynn, declared in the Quebec legislature on Thursday last that he regretted that the government could not see its way to purchase the islands on account of the impoverished condition of the provincial

Rochester, Sarah Hutchings of Dover, Kate Duffee of Dover, Sarah McClintock of Great Falls, Fannie Slattery of Great Falls, Ann McDermott of Dover, Addie Otis of Great Falls and six others whose named could not be remembered by the keeper.

ORIGIN OF THE FIRE A MYSTERY.

The building was of wood, 135 by 36 feet, two stories high, with a big yard on each side. It was built twenty years ago and had fifty

SIX NEW STEAMERS. The International Company Will More Than

Fulfill Its Contract. A New York evening paper quotes James A.

Wright, jr., vice president of the International Steamship Company, as saying that the International Company proposed to have built at least six steamships in America, all equal at French, German, Spanish, Italian, English, Latin, Greek and Translations. Wright, jr., vice president of the International ninety-five minutes for the department to get least six steamships in America, all equal at least to the New York and Paris. It is intended to have all the new ships capable of even greater speed than the company's English boats. Some of the new vessels are to be put on the Red Star line, which the International Company controls and whose steamships are to stop at Southampton, England, and Boulogne, France, on their way to the terminal point of

DEATH ATTENDED THEM.

in Union Seminary. A strange fatality seems to hang on the chair of systematic theology at the Union Theologthe instance of the directors. These practices, "I will admit that it is somewhat strange, but connived at by them. Ferdinand de Lesseps, of the professors who took the chair have died aided and abetted by his son Charles, M. Cottu shortly afterward, the last being Prof. John H. and M. Fontane, had persistently concealed the Worcester, jr., who died last week. We will operations of the canal company in order that not look for a successor for some time yet. We have had scarcely time to get our breath."

The directors had dealt with underwriting syndicates, which as far as their utility was concerned were fictitious and were known to Shortly afterward he was also taken ill and died Brooklyn was tendered the professorship. Dr. Vandyke was making preparations to enter upon his duties when he was taken sick and

The physician himself was stricken down a week later. He gave up his practice and died a day or two later.
Dr. Worcester's condition improved and he

Dr. Worcester's condition improved and he went to Lakewood. Here another doctor was called in, who finally informed Mrs. Worcester that her husband's condition was hopeless. While apparently in the best of health the physician suddenly dropped dead. Twelve hours later Dr. Worcester breathed his last. This completes the strange list of casualties so far, but the seminary people are wondering what will come next. what will come next.

A strange feature of the matter is that no one of the men died of a contagious or infec-tious disease. Had this been the case there would not have been much room for wonder.

LOUIS J. JENNINGS DEAD.

He Won Fame by His Successful Fight or the Tweed Ring. The death is announced of Mr. Louis John Jennings (conservative), member of the house

of commons for Stockport, England. Mr. Jennings, who was well known in the United States, was born in London in 1836. Between 1863 and 1868 he acted as special correspondent for the London Times in India and the United States. He subsequently became connected with the New York Times, and, while acting as editor of that paper, was chiefly instrumental in exposing and overthrowing the Tweed ring. With scarcely any encouragement or support he waged the battle against this corrupt organization, and finally his efforts resulted in the complete overthrow of the ring.

In 1876 Mr. Jennings left New York and returned to England. Before he left he received a letter signed by Chester A. Arthur, who subsequently became President of the United States, the chief justice of the Supreme Court, the governor of the state of New York and the leaders of the American bar, assuring him that the citizens of New York would not forget his the citizens of New York would not forget his services to the community.

In 1885 he stood for election in Stockport and

was returned. He married in 1867 Madeline Louise, daughter of David M. Henriques of New York.
Mr. Jennings was the author of a number works, including "Eighty Years of Republican Government in the United States," "Field Paths," "Rambles Among the Hills," "Mr. Gladstone, a Study," and "The Philadel-"Field " "Mr.

Street Cars on Fifth Avenue. The proposition to build a street car line or 5th avenue, New York, from Washington Square to 42d street, which aroused the oppo sition of property owners on the avenue when sition of property owners on the avenue when it was made a year ago, has been revived. Assemblyman Sullivan has introduced in the New York legislature a bill authorizing the construction of a cable railway on 5th avenue. It is understood that Mayor Gilroy is in favor of the scheme. In an interview a few days ago the mayor said that the stage line on 5th avenue was an abomination and a puisance and STRANGERS, TAKE NOTICE.—DRS. EROTHERS and Gray treat all diseases. No cure, no pay. nue was an abomination and a nuisance, and that a street car line would be infinitely better.

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(Signed) C. BENNEZ.

FRANKFORT, KY., February 6, 1893.

In Behalf of Boston Common.

A large number of remonstrants appeared in the Massachusetts legislative committee room vesterday to object to street railroad encrosch ment upon Boston common as recomm by the Rapid transit commissioners. Ther were many ladies present, and the male por-tion was largely made up of wealthy and in-fluential men of Boston. Earnest addresses were made against the proposition by Horace G. Allen, Col. Henry Lee, Col. Thomas Liver-more, Gamaliel Bradford and others.

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